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MAIZE HYBRID
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce maize hybrid in the country to supplement the nutritional needs of children and the poor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 15 major maize producing states in the country with effect from 01.04.2004 to increase the production and productivity of maize and also to supplement the nutritional needs of children and the poor. With a view to enhancing the productivity of maize, high yielding varieties and hybrids of maize including High Quality Protein Maize (HQPM) are being promoted under the scheme.

The hybrids viz. HQPM-1,HQPM-5,Shaktiman-1,Shaktiman-2,Shaktiman-3,Shaktiman-4 of Quality Protine Maize (QPM) have been released for cultivation on the farmers`field in the country.

Further,in order to popularize the public sector maize hybrids,the seed minikits of maize hybrids are made available to the states under seed minikits component of ISOPOM for distribution amongst farmers free of cost.